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1. DEPTOFF SPOKE BY TELEPHONE WITH ICRC GENERAL DELEGATE
SERGIO NESSI IN GENEVA JULY 21 CONCERNING PESTALOZZI AND
LIM BIAN KIE VISITS (REFTELS).

2. NESSI SAID HE HAD MET WITH BIAN KIE JULY 18, AND WAS
FULLY AWARE OF HIS POSITION IN THE INDONESIAN HIERARCHY.
ALTHOUGH THE CONVERSATION WAS FRIENDLY, NESSI SAID THAT,
UNFORTUNATELY, THERE HAD BEEN NO PROGRESS ON RESOLVING
ANY OF THE ISSUES PREVENTING ICRC VISITS TO DETAINEES. THE
ESSENTIAL THING FROM ICRC'S VIEW WAS ASSURANCE OF VISITS
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WITHOUT UNACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS, AND ON THIS BIAN KIE
COULD GIVE NO PROMISES, NOR HAD PESTALOZZI MET WITH SUCCESS.
ICRC ALSO WAS UNWILLING TO WITHDRAW THE STATEMENT IN ITS
BULLETIN AT WHICH GOI HAD TAKEN OFFENSE. NESSI SEES THIS
AND THE QUESTION OF THE LONDON TIMES ARTICLE ESSENTIALLY
AS EXCUSES FOR HALTING ICRC VISITS.

3. NESSI SAID THERE WOULD BE NO OBSTACLE TO SENDING A NEW TEAM INCLUDING OLDER DELEGATES TO CARRY OUT VISITS, BUT FIRST THERE HAD TO BE AN ASSURANCE THAT DELEGATES COULD SEE DETAINEES OF THEIR CHOICE, WITHOUT WITNESSES -- THE MINIMUM CONDITIONS FOR ICRC VISITS. HE APPRECIATES EMBASSY AND USG'S INTEREST IN THE PROBLEM, AND AMBASSADOR'S HELPFUL DISCUSSION WITH PESTALOZZI. HE REMAINS PESSIMISTIC, HOWEVER, ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR VISITS IN NEAR FUTURE.

4) COMMENT: RECOGNIZING LIM BIAN KIE HAS NO OFFICIAL POSITION IN GOI AND THUS COULD GIVE NO COMMITMENTS, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S READING OF HIS IMPRESSIONS UPON HIS RETURN, AND ASSESSMENT OF FUTURE GOI EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE. VANCE

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